Expenditure on vocational institutes

665. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of the amount spent on setting up of vocational/professional institutes durng the last three years and till date, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN, RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): Under the existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at+2 level, grants are being provided to State/UT Governments for introduction of the Vocational courses at+2 level. There is no provision under the Scheme for setting up of vocational institutes.

The details of Professional institutes set up during the last three years and the amount spent on them is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Enrolment of girls in rural areas

666. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enrolment of girls had gone up in rural schools compared to urban areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some States are still far behind in sending children to schools and ensuring quality education for them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir. According to 7th All India School Education Survey (Reference date 30th September, 2002) the growth of enrolment of girls in rural schools has gone up by 50.99% from the 6th Survey (Reference date 30th September, 1993). The corresponding growth in enrolment of girls in urban schools is 32.39%.